

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
AMARILLO DIVISION

SOUTHWESTERN PUBLIC SERVICE  
COMPANY,

Plaintiff,

v.

BOLTTECH MANNINGS, INC.,

Defendant.

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2:20-CV-100-Z-BQ

**ORDER**

Before the Court is Defendant Bolttech Mannings, Inc.'s "Unopposed Motion for Relief from Local Rule 83.10." ECF No. 12. The Court **DENIES** Defendant's motion because local counsel designation is not required.

Northern District of Texas Local Rule 83.10(a) states that "local counsel is required in all cases where an attorney appearing in a case does not reside or maintain the attorney's principal office in this district." Defendant's counsel maintains her principal office in Dallas, Texas, which is located in this district. As such, the local counsel requirement does not apply to Defendant.<sup>1</sup>

**SO ORDERED.**

Dated: June 25, 2020.

  
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**D. GORDON BRYANT, JR.**  
**UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

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<sup>1</sup> Confusion sometimes arises over the rule's phrasing, which *defines* local counsel as "a member of the bar of this court who resides or maintains the attorney's principal office in this district and whose residence or principal office is located within 50 miles of the courthouse in the division in which the case is pending." *Id.* But this requirement only comes into play where a party's counsel does not reside or maintain a principal office in the Northern District.